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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated June 8, 2004, setting a one-month term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one-month extension of the term for reply, *i.e.*, up to and including August 9, 2004 (as August 8, 2004 is a Sunday) is requested. A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the small-entity fee required under §1.17(a) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.